

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the Amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

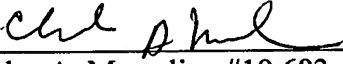
The claims in the application are claims 26 to 35, all other claims having been cancelled.

The Examiner has required a 4-way restriction requirement between the method of treatment with compounds of formula I wherein (I) Y is O and Ω is $-\text{OR}_{48}$, (II) Y is O and Ω is $-\text{NR}_{46}\text{R}_{47}$, (III) Y is S and Ω is $-\text{OR}_{48}$ and (IV) Y is S and Ω is $-\text{NR}_{46}\text{R}_{47}$. The Examiner is of the opinion that the compounds as outlined are not drawn to a single invention but partially distinct compounds and use.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement since it is deemed that the use of the compounds wherein Y is oxygen and sulfur are not patentably distinct as they are known by our skilled in the art to be equivalent. Applicants do not traverse the restriction for Ω which has been limited to $-\text{OR}$. However, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to those compounds wherein Ω is $-\text{NR}_{46}\text{R}_{47}$. Therefore, it is requested that the Examiner modify the restriction to examine in the same application the present claims. However, in order to be fully responsive to the Office action, Applicants elect with traverse the compounds wherein Y is oxygen.

Since the Office action was merely a restriction requirement, a prompt examination on the merits is requested.

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